

**Sunrise Metro
10 Month Snapshot
April 5, 2007 - January 31, 2008**

The goal with Sunrise Metro was simple: house the homeless, and keep them housed. Ten months into the housing experiment, Sunrise has exceeded expectations. Located near I-15 in downtown Salt Lake City, the building was fully leased (100 units) within weeks of opening.

Of the 112 single men and women who have called Sunrise home, 14 have moved out.

- 2 are living independently, having graduated into their own apartments
- 2 moved to long-term care centers
- 3 moved in with family or a significant other
- 4 died
- 3 abandoned their apartments

That's a 14 percent turnover rate, mirroring that of similar housing programs in other states.

Sunrise also improves lives. As hoped, a safe, permanent home has provided tenants a fresh start from which to address other obstacles and re-connect with society.

- 29 tenants are employed
- Their average annual income has risen from \$6,106 to \$6,689 – a 9.5 percent increase
- As a result, tenants are paying more rent - a monthly average of \$155, up from \$138, or 12 percent increase
- Because they now have a mailing address, tenants have been able to access benefits for which they've long been eligible: 15 received Social Security or VA pensions after moving into Sunrise
- 18 tapped into Medicaid, Medicare or other subsidized health coverage

Housing a person with case management is more humane and cost effective than the alternative: frequent arrests and nights spent in jail, detox or hospital emergency rooms.

- \$7,900 for a year of housing and services at Sunrise
- \$24,000 at the State Prison
- \$26,000 at Salt Lake County jail
- \$54,000 at a nursing home

In addition, federally-funded social supports like Medicaid and Social Security, bring tens-of-thousands of dollars into the state. A year's worth of Medicaid, for example, is valued at about \$6,500.